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President: Mr. Akram (Pakistan)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Consideration of draft proposals before the Council

Regional cooperation (E/2004/15/Add.2)

1. **The President** drew attention to Addendum 2 to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2004/15/Add.2). If there was no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to defer consideration of draft resolution III contained therein, and entitled "Implementation of resolutions concerning the participation of associate member countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the follow-up to United Nations world conferences and in the work of the Economic and Social Council" to the substantive session of the Council for 2005 under agenda item 10, "Regional cooperation".

2. *It was so decided.*

3. **Ms. Tamlyn** (United States of America) expressed disappointment that the Council had been unable to take action on the draft resolution at the current meeting. The role of associate members in the Council was not a matter for negotiation among Member States; it should be determined solely by the country responsible for the foreign relations of the territory in question. She hoped that the Council would be able to take note of all the resolutions contained in document E/2004/15/Add.2 at its substantive session and to consider the matter closed.

4. **Ms. Klein** (Observer for Luxembourg) said that she associated herself with the statement made by the representative of the United States of America.

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council (E/2005/49)

5. **The President** drew attention to the letter dated 14 February from the Executive Secretary of the Global Water Partnership (E/2005/49) requesting observer status for the Partnership with the Council. He took it that the Council wished to include that request in the agenda of its substantive session of 2005.

6. *It was so decided.*

Event to consider the issue of transition from relief to development

7. **The President** said that if there was no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt a draft decision reading:

"The Economic and Social Council decides to hold an event on the morning of Wednesday, 13 July 2005 entitled 'ECOSOC event to consider the issue of the transition from relief to development'. Moreover, it is agreed that the event will be informal, following the format set out below:

(a) A brief presentation followed by interactive discussions with interested delegations;

(b) There will be a chairperson's summary but no negotiated outcome document;

(c) A brief reference to the event will be included in the report of the Economic and Social Council.

It is also proposed that, in the light of the event to be held on Wednesday, 13 July, the operational activities segment should conclude its work on the afternoon of 12 July and the humanitarian segment begin its work on the afternoon of 13 July."

8. *It was so decided.*

9. **Ms. Navarro de Cumberbach** (Cuba) said she hoped that the planned event would be more balanced and of higher quality than that of the previous year. Statements made should reflect the current status of the debate on the topic, Member States should be informed in advance of the scheduled participants, and the chairperson's summary should reflect all the statements made rather than presenting a biased account of the debate.

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.